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25X1¹ First Safety Course from Rijeka (Fiume) to Zadar for Ships of any Draught:
 25X1 (Indicated on the map by a red line.)

25X1 The course proceeds from Rijeka north of the San Marco rock, keeping in-
 25X1 side 800 meters from the coast to Jablanac (Castel Gablanussa). From here
 it leans toward the Isola del Sole at the entrance of the channel which the
 island forms from Dulciu. Entering the channel which is narrow and deep,
 a vessel should proceed at a distance of 70 meters toward Dolin till the
 height of Rab (Arbe). An exact course should be kept on the extreme point
 of Papo. Extreme care should be taken because the safety channel is about
 1000 meters wide and is located between minefields. From here the course
 proceeds along the coast toward the point marked on the map, then steers
 on Capo Vir. From here on to Zadar the sea is free, although it is better
 to follow the coast. The asterisk, shown on the map, on Capo Vir indicates
 a naval battery now under construction. Its correct location is at about
 600-700 meters south of two German motor rafts sunk and stranded on the
 coast.

2. Second Safety Course from Rijeka (Fiume) to Zadar for Boats of any Draught:
 (Marked by a blue line on the map.)

From Rijeka the course steers toward the Abbazia pier following the coast
 at a distance of 700-800 meters to the Fiord di Fianona. At 200 meters
 past Fianona a white rock is a reference point for the safety channel; at
 sea it is marked off by three small rafts at about one kilometer distance
 one from the other. The safety channel located in the middle of the two
 minefields is about 1000 meters wide. The course then follows the coast
 to Lussimpiccolo and from here internally to San Pietro (out of San Pietro
 there is a minefield). From San Pietro it steers toward Silba as the sea
 is clear of mines. From Silba to north of Premuda vessels should go be-
 tween Premuda and the small rock, and from Premuda to Isto coasting east
 of the islets near Isto (here there is danger of floating mines), then to
 Isto following the channel and paying attention to shoals, to the open sea
 which is then free until Zadar.

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3. Third Course.(Shown on map by green line.)

For use by boats of less than 250 meters draught. The course proceeds from Rijeka to Capo Promontore (Pola). From whence it adjusts on Canidole Grande (north) and then follows the course already shown along the coast along Lussino. From Isici to Ica there are some anti-aircraft guns (German and Italian) 35/45 caliber, of short range and limited efficiency.

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